



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Takeo TANAAMI et al.**

Group Art Unit: **1634**

Application No.: **10/730,061**

Examiner: **Bradley L. Sisson**

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For: **HYBRIDIZATION METHOD AND HYBRIDIZATION EQUIPMENT**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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March 23, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 3, 2006.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-4; and Group (II), Claims 5-14.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 5-14. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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